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MIMOS Bhd and Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) have teamed up to set up a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Semantic Technology and Augmented Reality at Unimas campus in Kota Samarahan.

CoE aims to support the growth and development of Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy (SCORE), among others.

It is also designed to develop local talents into domain experts in Semantic Technology, particularly in Augmented Reality.

The centre, launched by Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud, is part of Unimas' plan to become economically relevant in generating knowledge and

innovations for wealth creation and societal well-being.

Abdul Taib said Sarawak has to expand to a knowledge-based economy instead of relying entirely on agriculture and forestry.

"In future, we need about 20,000 ICT professionals and workers to manage the projected RM300

billion investment in SCORE," he said.

MIMOS chairman Datuk Suriah Abdul Rahman, in her speech, said Semantic Technology is driving the next generation of the Web.

"There is huge potential for Semantic Technology and we will soon see it coming out of MIMOS

research laboratories and being applied in real business verticals through end-user facing applications in which the technology plays a significant role," she said.

"CoE is part of MIMOS' endeavours in driving universities towards the National Technology Roadmap," she said.